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Dear Harold,

I've held onto these index cards long enough & dont Know for sure when I'd get a chance to deliver them myself so I decided I'd better mail them; sorry to take so long — I really thought I'd get a chance to drive down before this. Now that the weather is getting nice I'm getting the urge to jump in the car & take off, but I just dont have the time. My not working has actually turned out to be an advantage because it's enabled me to get involved in alot of things I would not have otherwise had time for, & I think some of my activities are going to pay off when I get my degree & start job hunting.

These past few weeks things have been downright hectic. My Local Govt. Law class is great, but one heck of alot of work — on weekends I just about live in the Law Library. Plus, we're still working on our suit against the Boro of Homestead for denying us access to public documents & for instituting a $1 a page copying fee aimed specifically at preventing us from copying even what they will let us see. We just submitted our third set of interrogatories & so far, out of about 80 questions they have answered 5 — the rest they refused to answer because they said we were doing it to harass & embarass them!

Last week we ended up in Court to try & have 5 Nomination petitions declared invalid - 4 of them have an insufficient number of valid signatures & the 5th was altered after it was circulated & notarized. During the hearing, the woman whose petition had been altered perjured herself. Prior to the hearing, she had admitted to me in person & to Alex over the phone that the petition had been altered. When she testified however she denied ever having admitted that. What makes it worse is that we taped her conversation with Alex - so we have her admission on tape but can't do a thing with it! The judge has not yet made a decision on the case - he requested both sides to submit a brief. They were submitted yesterday so we should be hearing something very soon. It's hard to say what kind of a chance we have - The judge who heard the case is probably the strangest one in the County. Although he is supposedly brilliant, anyone who knows him questions his sanity. He's the same judge who, at the present time, is giving your "buddy" Cyril Wecht an ulcer. You've probably heard about the "trouble" Wecht is in - it seems that 3 secret, private bank accounts were discovered into which Wecht was depositing money [redacted] received for doing autopsies/lab work for neighbouring counties. Right now the judge &

Wecht are having a standoff - the judge has ordered him to make available all the Morgue's records to county auditors & Wecht is refusing. You can't pick up a paper or turn on your TV anymore without being confronted by Wecht screaming that he is the victim of a "conspiracy" to keep him from being elected County Commissioner. (He's probably right about that though - the story about the "secret" accounts broke on the very day he had scheduled a press conference to announce his candidacy). Every day the whole thing gets stranger - County politics hasn't been this much fun in a long time!

We are now getting ready for the May primary. This is our "Last chance - all or Nothing election" - there are 5 council seats & four school board seats up & its probably our last chance to gain a majority, so we're going all out - of course, so's the other side, so we're expecting this to be a very "dirty" election. I'm running for School Director & since the School District covers 3 entire boroughs I have my work cut out for me.

As far as school goes, the more I thought about it the more I realized that I wasn't going to be able to get a good job that I really liked until I got my masters, so rather than take any job & keep going to school part time (which would mean I probably wouldn't be finished for 3-4 years) I

decided to go back full time. I'll be starting full time next month & will be finished with all the class work by next April. Then I hope to get a good internship which will hopefully turn into a job.

Needless to say, things are just beginning to get really busy. If we lose the petitions case, we're definitely appealing - so that's going to mean more work. I must say however, I'm discovering how little sleep I can get by on!

Well, I have a meeting to go to so I'll have to finish this up. I hope the index cards can still be of some use to you. Take care & my best to Lil.

Karen